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REPLY TO ATTENTION OF
Planning Division
Environmental Resources Branch

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## TO THE ADDRESSEES ON THE ATTACHED LIST

The Jacksonville District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, carried out a reevaluation of the possible alternatives considered for the Section 206 Aquatic Ecosystem Restoration C-1 Rediversion Project in Brevard County, Florida. The purpose of this notice is to inform all interested parties that two additional alternatives were evaluated after completion of the Environmental Assessment process for this work, and that this reevaluation did not result in a change in the selected alternative.

Refer to the final Environmental Assessment and Finding Of No Significant Impact (EA and FONSI) found under the same title at the Jacksonville District's on-line archive of environmental documents and notices. This is found at:

## http://planning.saj.usace.army.mil/envdocs/envdocsb.htm

The new alternatives considered allowing a 14-foot or a 17-foot crest-height for the C-1 water level. This would verify whether or not the previously selected alternative, a 16-foot crest height, would be surpassed in environmental benefits by allowing a lesser or greater crest-height in the canal water level. A table showing compared weighted alternatives is enclosed.

Modeling indicates that the 14-foot crest-height alternative will allow freshwater discharges of between 400 cfs and 700 cfs into Turkey Creek and thence into the Indian River Lagoon (IRL). This would entail a drop in Indian River Lagoon salinity below the desired 20 ppt, and would therefore be unacceptable in either the pure Obermeyer weir design modality (alternative 15e) or the hybrid Obermeyer/fixed weir design modality (alternative 16e).

Modeling indicates that the 17-foot crest-height alternative will attain the desired lowered freshwater discharges and elevating of IRL salinity to 20 ppt or more. However, this is no better than the results modeled for the previously selected alternative 15b.

This would be in either the pure Obermeyer weir design modality (alternative 15d) or the hybrid Obermeyer/fixed weir design modality (alternative 16d).

The selected Preferred Alternative remains Alternative #15 b: "Intermediate Water Control Structure (IWCS) C-1 canal approximately 3 miles west of the MS-1 structure. Consists of an Obermeyer or hybrid/mixed Obermeyer weir type structure, and 2 electric pumps installed along L-74 with a total capacity of 200 cfs, to transfer water from C-1 Retention and Detention Areas to the Sawgrass Lakes Water Management Area (SLWMA)."

Point of contact for this office is Mr. Esteban Jiménez, at telephone number 904-232-2115.

Sincerely,

Stuart J. Appelbaum

Chief, Planning Division

Enclosures

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Averaged	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.4
Weight X1	0.50	0.88	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.50	0.88	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.50
Fish Value (HU)	0.500	0.875	0.870	0.850	0.880	0.500	0.875	0.870	0.850	0.880	0.500
Weight x1	0.50	0.88	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.50	0.88	0.87	0.85	0.88	0.50
Clam Value (HU)	0.500	0.875	0.870	0.850	0.880	0.500	0.875	0.870	0.850	0.880	0.500
Weight x2	0.20	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.35	0.20	0.35	0.35	0.34	0.35	0.20
Seagrass Value (HU)	0.100	0.175	0.174	0.170	0.176	0.100	0.175	0.174	0.170	0.176	0.100
Fresh Water Flow Decrease (%)	0	75	74	70	75	0	75	74	70	75	0
Alternatives Listed	No Action	15a	15b	15c	15d	15e	16a	16b	16c	16d	16e

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